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COUNTRY	East Germany	
TOPIC	KVP Tank Repair Shop in Neubrandenburg	
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- Only a few armored vehicles of the KVP arrived in Neubrandenburg between late May and late June 1954. Repair work decreased in June and was resumed at an increased rate after the arrival of vehicles in need of repair in late June. The following vehicles arrived between 11 and 30 June and between 1 and 17 July:
On 11 June, 2 SU-76 SP guns
On 28 June, 3 T-34/76 tanks
On 30 June, 2 T-34/76 tanks
Between 1 and 17 July, 6 T-34/76 tanks, 5 T-34/85 tanks, 4 SU-76 SP guns and 1 SU-85 SP gun.
- The following completely overhauled armored vehicles left the repair shop between 8 June and 17 July 1954:
From 9 to 12 June: 2 T-34/76 tanks, 2 T-34/85 tanks, 1 SU-76 SP gun and 2 SU-100 SP guns;
from 9 to 12 July: 5 T-34/76 tanks, 1 SU-76 SP gun, 2 SU-85 SP guns and 3 other armored vehicles. Although about 12 overhauled tanks stood ready to be shipped out in mid-June, they were not picked up before mid-July. According to the tank crews, some of the vehicles were shipped by rail to Saxony and Spereberg.
- On 3 July, 32 armored vehicles were at the plant. Of these, 12 were overhauled and were parked in the open, and 6 SU-76, 7 T-34/76 tanks, 5 T-34/85 tanks and 2 JS-3 tanks were worked on in hall No 5.
- Between mid-June 1953 and mid-July 1954, about 125 to 130 armored vehicles of the KVP were turned in at Neubrandenburg for complete overhaul. In early July 1954, the hundredth armored vehicle passed the final test of the plant.
- On 17 July 1954, 1 JS-2 tanks, 6 T-34/85 tanks, 4 T-34/76 tanks and 6 SU-76 SP guns were overhauled in hall No 5. The vehicles were in very poor condition. Most of the defects were on engines, chains, starters and bogie wheels.


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6. There was a considerable shortage of spare parts. No guns, machine guns and major contingents of spare parts needed were stored at the shop. A sufficient number of tank engines was available. A large percentage of the repair work has to be done on a temporary basis.
7. In mid-June, a course for 120 KVP soldiers was held at the plant. The students were supervised by 4 or 6 officers and received instruction daily in hall No 5.
8. Major Berndt, the chief of the workshop, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in mid-June 1954 and awarded the order for Meritorious Service.
9. In mid-July 1954, the plant police numbered 35 men. On 19 July, the following workshops started moving into the new main hall, hall No 2: Department I with subsections, motor assembly and disassembly shop, chains and bogie wheels. The motor workshop proper was to remain in hall No 5. Department II with subsections, weapons and equipment, motor vehicle electro devices and optics. Hall No 8, the lathe shop, was almost completed in mid-July 1954. Hall No 16 in the northwest corner of the installation was one third finished. The new warehouse near the old warehouse No 14 and a gravel road from the installation to the tank test driving area Nemerower Holz were also nearing completion.
10. Two JS-2 tanks which had been overhauled stood in the workshop for about three months. They could not be shipped since no high-pressure hose to fill the pneumatic recuperator with 62 to 64 atmospheres of absolute pressure was available. Upon request by technical director Captain Werner (Zur) and the Soviet adviser, a hose was lent by a tank unit in the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg.
11. On 8 July, 5 T-34/85 tanks needing repair were turned in at the KVP repair shop in Neubrandenburg. About 10 armored vehicles were repaired per month. No tanks needing repair were assembled on the premises of the repair shop in mid-July. In mid-July, a course for tank mechanics of the KVP was held at the plant.
12. On 18 June, a group of 2 KVP officers and 100 men was seen en route from the KVP repair shop in Neubrandenburg to the cantonment at Gaetenbach. The soldiers were quartered in buildings No 5 and 6.

 Comment. Report confirms that construction work is being continued, courses for technical personnel are being held, and 10 to 15 tanks are being overhauled per month at the KVP central tank repair shop in Neubrandenburg.

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